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## School Board names Brian Roberson new assistant BHS principal

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At Monday's special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Brian Roberson was named the new assistant principal at Belleville High School.

The post was vacated recently when Stacy Buhro was promoted to BHS principal, a spot vacated by Abdul Madyun who became Human Resources Director for the district. It was Madyun who recommended Roberson for the position.

Madyun said there were 180 candidates who applied for the assistant principal's position, with eight of them working for the school district. He said there were three rounds of intensive interviews until the decision was made to recommend Roberson.

The board unanimously approved a one-year contract at a salary of \$92,652.

Roberson has 15 years of experience working for the Detroit Public Schools and taught for a few years in Texas before moving to Michigan. He served as a District Curriculum and Instruction Committee member for the Detroit Public Schools, Lead Educator, Building Designee, Athletic Coordinator, and Behavior Modification Specialist within a school setting.

Roberson lives in Van Buren Township and two of his children have graduated from Belleville High School. One child is a student at Owen Intermediate School.

"We believe that he will complete our BHS team," Madyun said in his recommendation of Roberson. "Students will find him to be very approachable."

Roberson earned his bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education in 1996 from South University in Baton Rouge, LA, and his master of science in Educational Leadership in 2010 from Concordia

University in Ann Arbor.

Principal Buhro said she heard good things about him years ago when he got his leadership degree. She said now the district will get to know what a wonderful guy he is.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said she was impressed that he had been a male Kindergarten, first- and second-grade school teacher. "That was brave, real brave," she said, noting children in those grades don't sit down very long.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Welcomed new board member Alice Crawford, who had been sworn in before the meeting. She was named by the board to fill the vacancy created when Martha Toth resigned to move out of state. Crawford will be on the board until the end of December; and

- Approved a contract for \$26,300 out of the sinking fund to Peter Basso Associates (PBA) of Troy for designing mechanical engineering controls for Tyler and Savage Schools. PBA's bid was the highest of three, but it was recommended by Director of Plant Operations James Williams. The systems in place currently are not energy efficient, Williams said. The current system is in significant need of upgrading which ties in both mechanical and control components, Williams said. He said the last time these issues were addressed in these two schools was in 1985. This contract is for designing the controls and mechanicals for the project. He said he plans to have the bid documents go out Dec. 15 and have them back to the board in January, with construction to start in the spring. The two other bids for design were SES of Berkley, \$19,800 and Sellinger of Livonia, \$22,000.

Crawford



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

New Keystone Academy board member Darren Hickonbottom was sworn into office by board secretary Connie Shull at the Oct. 13 regular board meeting. Hickonbottom lives in Ypsilanti Township and has been a basketball coach for boys and girls at Keystone for four years. Because it was considered a conflict of interest for him to get paid by Keystone while being a Keystone board member, he agreed give up his pay for coaching to become a board member.

## Keystone swears in board member

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Darren Hickonbottom, who has been a basketball coach for boys and girls at Keystone Charter Academy for four years, was sworn in as a new board member at the regular Oct. 13 meeting of the board.

Hickonbottom lives in Ypsilanti Township and his daughter Autumn, her husband William Meadows, and their daughter London were present for the swearing in.

There was some delay in getting Hickonbottom approved for the board by National Heritage Academies, which owns the school, and Bay Mills Community College, which chartered the school, because Hickonbottom was paid a stipend by the school for coaching.

That was considered a conflict of interest, so Hickonbottom agreed to continue coaching without pay so he could be a board member – also without pay.

The board of directors now is complete.

Members are president Vesta Losen, treasurer Carol Manley, secretary Connie Shull, Susan Meland, and Hickonbottom.

Also at the Oct. 11 meeting the board:

- Talked about constant changes in testing by the state. "It would be nice to have some consistency," said Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey;

- Heard Godfrey report that there are 779 students enrolled at Keystone from Young 5's to eighth grade and the school is full. She also said Kelly Todd has filled the open music position and now there are no open teaching positions;

- Approved the Accelerated Reader Online Program; and

- Discussed what to give the teachers for Christmas gifts.

Present at the board meeting were Bay Mills representative Jeff Henders and NHA representative Cathy Henkenberns.

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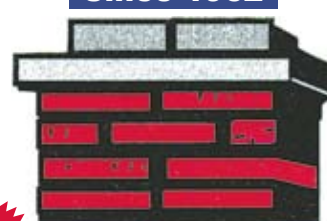
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## 6 run for 4 trustee seats on Van Buren Township Board of Trustees

Democratic candidates for supervisor, clerk, and treasurer are running unopposed for their seats in the Nov. 8 General Election, but the four trustee positions are being challenged.

Democrat candidates winning the August primary for four trustee posts are: Sherry Frazier, Kevin Martin, incumbent Reggie Miller, and Paul White.

They are being challenged by James Chapman, on the Nov. 8 ballot as a candidate with no party affiliation, and former township Supervisor Linda Combs, not on the ballot, but running a write-in campaign.

### James Chapman

James Chapman, 56, 43364 East Huron River Drive, has lived in the township for 49 years. He is single and never been married. He works as a services contractor.

Chapman attended classes at Eastern Michigan University and Jackson Community College, but has no degree.

He ran unsuccessfully for Sumpter Township Trustee in 2004 and for 23<sup>rd</sup> District State Representative in 2006 and 2008.

Chapman is a member of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network, Society for Preservation of Old Mills, and Belleville Area Historical Society.

He said he is running for office to preserve and restore the Riggs Heritage House/Farmstead ("Not tear it down!"),



James Chapman



Linda Combs

revise township expenditures, and for more accountability and responsibility to the electorate.

Once elected his goal is to preserve and restore the Riggs Farmhouse, reorganize public safety by removing ordinance enforcement from police and removing the blended rate, and improve historical funding.

### Linda Combs

Linda Combs, 68, of 47216 Ayres Street, is running as a write-in candidate for trustee. She currently is VBT supervisor.

Combs is a widow, with two children, Myra and Cindy. She has lived in VBT for 26 years and has an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College.

Combs' hobbies are gardening, crafts, and reading.

She said she is running for office "to continue to serve my community. I intended to run in the primary, but family matters prevented me from doing so. That's why I'm running as a write-in candidate."

Her goal once elected is, "to see the Visteon Bond issue resolved."

Others on the ballot for trustee were profiled at length in the July 7 issue of the



Sherry Frazier

*Independent* before the August primary. They are:

### Sherry Frazier

Sherry Frazier, 67, of 41167 South I-94 Service Drive, has lived in the township for 35 years. She retired from the Plymouth-Canton School District and

has been a licensed Realtor for more than 30 years. Frazier was elected to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education four times and served 1984-88, 1988-92, 2010-14, and 2014-present.

### Kevin D. Martin

Kevin D. Martin, 60, of 9405 Madison Drive, has lived in the township for 20 years. He is married to attorney Lisa Martin. Martin is a HVAC-R Skilled Trades worker at General Motors, Romulus Engine Plant. This is his first bid for public office.

### Reggie Miller

Reggie Miller of 13697 Pond Bluff Drive has lived in the township for the



Kevin Martin



Reggie Miller



Paul White



Kevin McNamara



Leon Wright



Sharry Budd

past 16 years. She moved to Belleville in 1996. Miller is the only incumbent Trustee seeking reelection.

### Paul W. White

Paul W. White of 17329 Haggerty Road has lived in the township for more than 50 years. White was elected VBT supervisor and served 2008-12. He was unsuccessful in a bid for re-election.

### Running unopposed

Running unopposed for supervisor is Kevin McNamara. Running unopposed for clerk is Leon Wright. Running unopposed for treasurer is Sharry Budd. All are Democrats.



Don LaPorte



Peggy Morgan



Matthew Oddy



Tim Rush



Don Swinson



John Morgan



Clarence Hoffman



Alan Bates

## 5 run for 4 trustee seats on Sumpter Township Board of Trustees

Democrat candidates for Sumpter Township supervisor, clerk, and treasurer are running unopposed for their seats in the Nov. 8 General Election. All are incumbents: Supervisor John Morgan, Clerk Clarence Hoffman, and Treasurer

Alan Bates.

But the four open Democrat trustee positions are being challenged by a Republican.

Democrat incumbent candidates winning the August primary to be on the ballot

for four trustee posts are: Peggy Miller, Don LaPorte, Matthew Oddy, and Don Swinson,

They are being challenged by Republican Tim Rush, who served on the board in the past.

All the candidates were profiled in the July 7 issue of the *Independent*, previous to the August primary election.

# Election Day is Tuesday, November 8

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### VBT Board squabbles over police contract

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approval of the proposed contract with the Police Officers Labor Council was pulled from the agenda on a 5-1 vote.

Clerk Leon Wright, one of the negotiators of the contract for the township, voted not to take it off the agenda. Trustee Brenda McClanahan was absent.

Board members complained they didn't get the details of the contract in writing to study. Clerk Wright said they knew about the changes from a closed-door session a month ago.

Trustee Reggie Miller said there were to be more changes made and then the new contract given to the board to review before any vote. Wright said didn't know about any changes.

Trustee Phil Hart said he hasn't seen the contract and he was out of town when they held that closed-door session where they discussed it. "What I do know, I don't like," Hart said.

"I would at least like to see what I'm voting on," said Trustee Jeff Jahr.

The contract approval was added to Tuesday's agenda at 4:26 p.m. Monday, after the work/study session had adjourned at 4:18 p.m. It was put on the consent agenda to be accepted without discussion. The board balked. "A financial responsibility was put on the township in closed session and we need to discuss it in closed session," Hart said. No vote.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Friday, Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright sent out an email to employees:

"The Supervisor, Treasurer and myself have decided that it would be in the best interest of the Township to close the Administrative offices on Nov. 8, 2016 (Election Day) only those affiliated with or assigned to work Elections will report to work.

"You will not be asked to use your PTO. Have a great weekend!"

An employee told me they will be paid for not going to work.

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Charles Tackett points out that in the advertisement and post cards supporting the Van Buren Township Public Safety Millage, in the left-hand corner there is a graphic of a fire fighter and a police officer saluting.

He points out the fire fighter is saluting with his right hand and the police officer saluting with his left hand. Salutes are always with the right hand, he said.

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Scio Township hired Bryce Kelley as township manager a couple of months ago. You may remember Bryce when he was head of the building and planning department in Van Buren Township. He resigned in 2008 after Paul White was elected supervisor. He went to work for VBT's planning consultants, McKenna Associates. Then, he was with Wayne County and Aerotropolis and then was township manager somewhere else. Now, he's in Scio.

Also, Jack Knowles, who held the same VBT job that Bryce had, several employees after Bryce, and then resigned, is about to be elected Scio Township Supervisor. He is running unopposed in the Nov. 8 election.



Jack currently is a trustee on the Scio Township Board.

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A reader who lives on Elwell Road in Van Buren Township called to ask if a new road was being put through. She's seen all the clearing of trees and digging and wondered about it all.

Of course, she is asking about the Wolverine Pipeline that is cutting through VBT from Rawsonville Road across the township to Hannan Road, after going under the Huron River and through the Metropark. A new pipe is being put next to the other pipe that's been there since 1952, or so.

One neighbor to the pipeline said he asked the workers what the pipe was going to carry and they told him jet fuel to Metro Airport. In the Navy he was taught about jet fuel and it's much safer than gasoline, he said.

There are people, however, who are concerned that it is going right through the front yard of Owen Intermediate School and past the co-op senior residence. It also is going through subdivisions.

The clearance of the vegetation makes it really look like a new road. They need to have it clear for weekly aerial surveillance of the pipeline.

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At Monday's school board meeting, I heard two men talking behind me and one said, "My wife says he looks just like Denzel Washington." He was referring to Brian Roberson who had just been named the new

assistant principal at Belleville High School. So, I Googled Washington and I agree. They are very similar in appearance.

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A reader who lives on Hull Road at Sumpter Road found a small Bengal cat in her yard on Saturday and the cat has been around ever since. Bengal cats are purebred and very expensive, she said.

The cat is a little timid, but will come over if you talk nice to her. She is small – maybe 7 or 8 pounds – very healthy and well-groomed. Still has her claws.


The reader said she lives next to the trailer park, so maybe the cat got lost. Call the *Independent* if you know where the cat belongs. (734) 699-9020

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Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said a female was chasing a dog on foot at about 4:30 p.m. Friday in front of the A&W and ran right into the side of a car. She was not seriously hurt, he reports.

Then, on Saturday, three males about 17-19 years old from Jackson and Ypsilanti broke into a shed on North Liberty Street and then stole three bikes from Phil Miller's yard to make a getaway. Chief Berriman said they got the three along with three misdemeanor warrants.





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 — Mark Twain

## Letters

### I like to live here in VBT because it's safe

To the Editor,

I have been a resident of Van Buren Township for 24 years. I love to live in this community because I feel safe. VBT Friends and Neighbors, we have an outstanding Public Safety Department! We must continue to maintain the high level of service and low response times we have today by voting YES on the upcoming Public Safety Millage.

Currently the township collects 4 mills which is expiring and will no longer be collected after 2016. That means we will not have any revenue dedicated to fund our Public Safety Department.

We must VOTE YES on Nov. 8 to maintain our current Public Safety levels and secure our future as a SAFE Community.

Thank you to the men and women who put their lives on the line for us each and every day.

April Ruot

Van Buren Township resident

### No vote for millage with blended rate

To the Editor,

I read with great interest the article discussing the town hall meeting that was recently held in Fire Hall #2 regarding the V.B. millage.

Of particular interest was the blended rate issue raised by Mr. Abdilla. He stated, "We're not going to hire any more" (blended rate personnel), and that "this is being phased out."

There are currently still six employees that fall under the "blended rate." Still, too many. I won't even think about voting for any millage increase until I see a letter signed by all concerned (township attorneys, blended rate employees and their unions) that voids the blended rate issue, once and for all.

Once that is finalized, I *might* consider the increase.

Al Ostrowski

Van Buren Township

### Who are these people running for judge?

To the Editor,

Looked at my absentee ballot and came to the section on judges. Who are these people? What do they stand for?

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Picked up a paper the other day. Coupons for the wife. But did see something I thought might help me. The paper's endorsement of judges. Now, I started reading the Detroit papers as a kid, about 1947. You know, kid stuff. Who will pitch for the Tigers today, Dizzy Trout or Don Jamo? So, over the years, I've a lot of trust invested in this paper.

But I stopped for a moment and thought: Do you still trust this paper? It was a sad moment for me to even think how little trust there is left in America.

But, anyway, did you hear that Belleville High Marching Band is 300 strong and all in tune? Even better for me, grandson Chandler is part of it. That band and young people are what's right about America.

Sunday morning early, my granddaughter Shelby went to Detroit with me to see Belleville Fire Fighter and granddaughter Kalee run in the Free Press International Marathon. Hadn't seen that many people in Detroit in years.

After that we had breakfast at a place on Woodward called the Hop Kat. I'm not sure grandfathers belong in there, but a good breakfast.

Anyway, rainstorm on the way home. Lunch with wonderful wife Linda. Trip to Home Depot. Young lady at checkout very helpful. Journalism student at Wayne State.

I said hope you turn out better than what we have now. She laughed and said everyone says that.

Thanks for listening.

Mickey Widener

Van Buren Township

### Thanks to residents, for showing support

To the Editor,

We received an overwhelming response last week for yard signs in support of the upcoming Van Buren Township Public Safety millage. Thank you VBT residents for showing your support of our outstanding Public Safety department!

We must continue to encourage all residents to vote "YES" on November 8 to maintain our current level of services.

For more information visit our website <http://supportvbps.com>. Click on "I want a yard sign" to show your support!

Respectfully,

Richard Wardwell

Secure VBT Public Safety Committee

### Mrs. Crystal Harris: Thanks for your work

To the Editor,

This is a message to Mrs. Crystal Harris, former president of the Sumpter Progressive Civil League.

Thank you for all your hard work. Get well soon. Prayers and loving thoughts to you.

Vera Z. Howell of Southfield  
 Former resident of Belleville  
 (Victoria Commons)

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-- Paulo Freire



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Oct. 23 – Jennifer Barbee  
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Oct. 27 – Brenda McArthur  
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## Obituaries



David Earl Cushing Sr.

### DAVID EARL CUSHING, SR.

(August 5, 1948 – October 14, 2016)

David Earl Cushing Sr., age 68, of Van Buren Township.

David is the loving father of David (Pansy) Cushing Jr., Matthew (Dawn) Cushing and Jeffery Cushing. Mr. Cushing is also survived by eleven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and family friends, Mike and Pam Fleming.

A Belleville/Van Buren resident since 1972, David was a member of "CHIPS." Also he was very active with the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows and enjoyed fishing and time with family and friends.

A funeral service with military honors was held at 11:00 AM Monday, October 17, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

Visitation was held Sunday from 12 noon until 8 PM and from 10 AM until the 11 AM service Monday. Memorial Tributes may be directed to the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry.



Viola Jean Bible

### VIOLA JEAN BIBLE – 'Mam-Ma'

(March 20, 1927 - October 16, 2016)

Viola Jean Bible, age 89, of Van Buren Township. Jean is the beloved wife of the late Jack (d.2012); loving mother of Jack "Doug" (Victoria) Bible of Sumpter Twp. and Debra (Mark) Wilson of Florida; cherished grandmother of Kristin (Jon) Berg of Taylor, Lauren (Steven) Spalty of Colorado and Clint (Shawn) Crossley of California. Mrs. Bible is also survived by her dear great-grandchildren, Jaylend Ross and Colton Crossley and many extended family and friends. Sadly, she is preceded in death by great-granddaughter, Mia Crossley (d.2001). Born on March 20, 1927 in Mayking, Kentucky, Mrs. Bible was a career-long teacher in the Detroit public school system. In her spare time, she enjoyed cooking. She was known for large spreads of food, quilting, and working with senior citizens through volunteering her time. Casino trips are also a fond memory. Mostly, she loved her family and the times she spent with them.

A funeral service honoring Jean's life will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 22, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. (734)-697-4500. The Bible family will greet guests from 10:00 AM until the time for prayers at 11:00 AM.

A procession for interment prayers will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the charity of your choice.



Richard Arnold Sobocinski

### RICHARD A. SOBOCINSKI

(May 13, 1943 – October 12, 2016)

Richard Arnold Sobocinski, age 73, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born May 13, 1943 in Detroit, MI, to Maxwell and Gertrude Sobocinski. Mr. Sobocinski proudly served in the U.S. Marines from 1960-1964. He is a retiree of the Chrysler Automotive Corporation and he was an active member of St. Anthony's Church in Belleville, MI.

Richard had a great sense of humor, he loved playing jokes on his family. One thing he loved to do is spend time with the grandchildren. He also loved taking walks, bike riding and boating.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Diane Magdalen (Kozlowski) Sobocinski; three loving children Michelle (Scott) Taylor of Tecumseh, MI, Max Sobocinski, Timothy Sobocinski, both of Belleville, MI; also devoted daughter-in-law, Dina (Chris) Dunt of Ypsilanti, MI; five cherished grandchildren, Cameron Taylor, Kacey (Dustin Burwell) Taylor, Kori Taylor, Kollin Sobocinski, Kyle Ackron, and two adored Great-Grandchildren Natelie Burwell and Simon Burwell. Also survived by his beloved dog Sarge.

Richard is preceded in death by his son Brian Sobocinski (2011), his brother Ronald Sobocinski, and his parents Maxwell and Gertrude Sobocinski.

Visitation was Monday, October 17, 2016 from 3-8 PM, Prayer service at 7 PM with Father Thomas Cusick at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was held, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 11 AM at St. Anthony's Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave. Belleville, MI 48111, with visitation 10-11 AM at the Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

### KAY CONSALES

(August 25, 1925 - October 11, 2016)

Age 91, of Lavallette, N.J., died suddenly on October 11, 2016. She is survived by her daughter, Christine (Doug Peters) Consales of Van Buren Township. Burial in E. Hanover, N.J. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home.

## African American Book Club celebrates 10 years at Belleville library

The public is invited to the ten-year celebration of the African American Literature Book Club at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth Street.

The event will feature food, fun, and laughter, along with poetry readings by book club member Melvin T. Peters, PhD, acclaimed professor and speaker.

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# Voters to decide on six millage questions in Nov. 8 General Election

There are six local questions asking for more taxes on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot. They are:

## REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY 1.2 MILLS

A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy an Assessment.

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment:

- at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value);
- for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035;
- that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and

- to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.

If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year.

Should this assessment be approved?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE 6.5 mills

Shall the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan assess a 6.5 mill levy to provide funds for public safety services, including: police; fire; dispatch; emergency management; and ordinance enforcement? The 6.5 mill (\$6.50 per \$1,000 taxable value) is to be levied against all property within the Township, pursuant to 1947 PA 359, as amended, for a period of seven years beginning December 2017 through December 2023, inclusive, which would be approximately \$6,421,136 when first levied in December 2017, less the estimated tax captures: Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$293,084 (pursuant to 1975 PA 197, as amended); and Local Development finance Authority in the amount of \$128,266 (pursuant to 1986 PA 281, as amended). If approved, this new millage would replace a previously authorized police and fire services millage that expires December 2016.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSITION EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER HOMESTEAD PROPERTY 18 MILLS

This millage will (1) allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18.0000 mills on all property except homestead property as required for the school district to continue to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance and (2) provide an additional 2.0000 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks to continue to allow the school district to receive the full foundation allowance permitted by the state.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property, except principal residence and other homestead property as defined by law, in Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be increased to 20.0000 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for eight (8) years, calendar years 2017 to 2024, inclusive? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18.0000 mills are levied in the 2017 calendar year will be approximately \$9,091,374 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. Revenues will be disbursed to Van Buren Public Schools for the purpose of providing funds for the operating expenses of the District.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY I. BONDING PROPOSITION 0.75 MILL

Shall the Belleville Area District Library, formed by City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter, each in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring, developing and improving sites for library buildings?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2017, is 0.75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.68 mill (\$0.68 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY II. DISTRICT LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL 0.75 MILLS

This proposal will allow the District Library to levy additional millage in the City of Belleville, Charter Township of

Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter for library operating purposes.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 0.75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2017 to 2036, inclusive to provide funds for library operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if

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# Millages

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the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$1,051,307, of which the District Library will receive \$947,859 and the following entities will capture a portion of the revenues: Belleville Downtown Development Authority (\$18,398), Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (\$56,350), and Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (\$28,701)?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL 2 MILLS

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional

Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-

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Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

# VBT Planners begin review of updated zoning ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission started a months-long project of reviewing proposed updates to the entire zoning ordinance.

At its regular meeting Oct. 12, the entire board was led through Articles 12, 13, and 14, which covered administrative procedures and organization and nonconformities.

Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates led the way through the ordinance updates he had prepared.

He said on Oct. 17, 2014 a review was presented to the commission on what needed improvement.

Sloan said they looked at where the zoning ordinances have trouble and the new draft ordinances allow for links on line and allowed for changes of numbers.

He said the draft has more graphics and tables, which can lead to less text. He said the misplaced sections are now correctly placed and the legal references are updated.

He said the document has 14 Articles and what they covered that night was just three.

He said the commission subcommittee – made up of Commissioners Byron Kelley, Don Boynton, and Joan Franzoi -- was very helpful during the review process.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said the format will be easily accessible to use for staff and the public.

"We don't have our zoning ordinance on line," Akers said. "This will be a tremendous time saver."

Akers said the staff is looking at revising procedures in the future as to the number of times it is necessary for developers to come to the planning commission.

Also, the staff is looking at ways to change the required bank letter of credit to performance bonds, as an option, if the planning commission is interested, Akers said.

"Is this the time to change the language?" asked Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson.

"That's the intention right along," said Deputy Director of planning and economic development Matthew Best. "It's part of the whole process."

"Any time before the public hearing," said Sloan, noting they will have six meetings just reviewing the draft ordinance.

Sloan said it will be a policy decision by the township board on performance bonds.

"Over the next few months we'll see what the township board wants to do," Sloan said.

"History shows that performance bonds expired on a couple of projects in the past," said vice chairman Boynton. "With you two guys, I'm sure that will never happen again. That's why a letter of credit is preferred ... We should not be put in a position where we hope the company will complete the project. Carol [Thompson] suggested a range, depending on the size of the project... That's a good balance between the two."

Akers said in regard to use variances, they haven't found prior to 2006 that they were granted.

"Can we put use variances back in the Board of Zoning Appeals ordinance?" Akers asked.

Sloan said he has looked and never found a use variance granted.

Akers said he liked having the civil infractions put in as an enforcement tool, as Sloan has done in the draft. He said misdemeanors are effective, where they go to court and the township attorney has to be there. He said the civil infraction is like a traffic ticket. If you fight it, a magistrate can take care of it.

"It's a great thing to have in our ordinances," Akers said.

After the first review of the draft ordinances was over, Akers gave a report on a Country Walk architectural discussion with Gilbert builders.

He said the staff reviewed every proposed elevation. They will have brick to the middle on all four sides and they brought in samples of the bricks – all earth tones, like other homes in Country Walk.

Akers said the porches proposed are one foot shorter than others, but are somewhat consistent with those in the subdivision.

Akers said nothing in the ordinance talks about bumpouts for fire places and several approved plans showed bumpouts. Gilbert agreed to plant evergreen or arbor vitae to screen the bumpouts.

Also, vinyl over the garage is consistent with the rest of Country Walk, Akers said.

## McGeachy earns BBA in Management at WMU

James Vincent McGeachy of Belleville earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Management at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and took part in graduation ceremonies on June 25.

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# Councilwoman Kim Tindall resigns, search begins for replacement

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The resignation of Belleville City Councilwoman Kim Tindall was regretfully accepted by the city council as of the end of Monday's regular council meeting.

On Tuesday morning she was at her new job at city hall as payroll/building clerk in the front office. Becoming an employee made it necessary to resign from the council.

Tindall replaces Michelle Bellingham who resigned to work at Sumpter Township Hall, closer to her home.

The city has 30 days to replace Tindall or the governor will select someone to fill the seat.

Tindall's former position runs for one more year, so her replacement will serve until after the 2017 election.

A special meeting was set for 6 p.m., Nov. 15, to interview candidates.

Those seeking applications should request them from City Manager Diana Kollmeyer by Friday, Oct. 21. The applications will be ready to distribute by Monday, Oct. 24. They are due back to the city by Nov. 10.

Trustee Tom Fielder pointed out all the interviews will be in public meetings.

The Belleville Civil Service Commission met on Oct. 4 to interview nine candidates for the payroll/building clerk position and selected four finalists. City Manager Kollmeyer was required to offer the job to the four in the order given by the CSC. First on the list was Meagan Gallagher. Kollmeyer said Gallagher turned down the position and so she offered it to second on the list, Tindall, who accepted.

Tindall recently had been employed in

security at McBride Middle School.

At the end of the meeting council members took turns praising Tindall's service to Belleville.

"Thank you for your kind words," Tindall said. "It has been an absolute honor to serve for almost seven and a half years. And, it's a privilege that the voters chose me twice. I don't know why."

"I'm happy to be moving to the other side of the wall," she said nodding to the wall between the council chambers and the front office. "I'm sad that the move requires me to resign."

Mayor Kerreen Conley said Tindall brought to the council a perspective that makes people think.

Mayor Conley encouraged people in the community to apply for the council position. She said, under the city charter, eligible candidates must have lived in the city for one year and be a registered voter at the time of application.

Also in Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the Downriver Sewage Disposal System Service Agreement with the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA), as recommended by Mayor Conley. Thirteen communities are working together to acquire, improve, and enlarge the sewer system. They have been negotiating a contract since 2010. The agreement pledges up to 25% of the funds received by the city from state sales tax

levied to pay the contractual obligations for the sewer;

- Approved use of Horizon Park from about 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., after dusk when the park is closed, on Nov. 3 by the Belleville Area District Library for an astronomy program. Lecturer Jesse Mason will meet with participants at the library at 6:30 p.m. to show some of the Hubble telescope's most stunning images and then they will go outside with telescopes to view the night sky. They wanted a darkened area within walking distance;

- Approved accounts payable of \$236,134.58 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Hennessey Engineering, \$3,650.50 and \$1,986, from the Escrow Fund for construction/project management; to Wayne County, \$2,835 from general/police funds for lodging in Dickerson Facility; to Lisa Long, \$2,000 for temporary employment from general/ various funds; to Oakland County, \$2,495, for CLEMIS/software from general/police fund; and to Wise Technologies, \$561.24 for computers / network from general/ various funds; and

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria comment on the Booville events in Belleville. "If it wasn't for white-haired, bald volunteers a lot of things wouldn't get done in this community. We need more young volunteers," he said.

## Winners listed in first Monster Mutt Walk

The first Costumed Monster Mutt Walk put on by the Belleville Central Business Community on Saturday afternoon drew 29 dogs, said chairwoman Janet Millard.

The CBC presented \$500 to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue as part of the event and the dog food brought by entrants was also donated to FMAR.

These are the winners of the costume competition.

### Cutest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Macy, a Labradoodle, owned by Becky Pepin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dixie, a Corgi/Bichon, owned by Angelica Armstrong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sofie Rosie, a Mini Yorkee, owned by Karen LaBelle

### Scariest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Zeus, mixed heritage, owned by Margaret Feria
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Max, a shepard, owned by Pamela Maus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Myrna, a Havanese mix, and Skippy, a Jack Russell mix, owned by Sharon Fewless

### Best Mutt & Family:

- Pugsley, a Puggle, and Shadow, a Pug Lab, owned by Sandy, Kathy, and Sherry Cross

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vivie, a Mini Golden Doodle, owned by Mendie Russell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Trixie, a Husky mix, owned by Kevin Roberts

## Free class on family history research to start Nov. 3 in Ypsilanti

Kathy Bailey of Willis will be presenting another series of free classes to teach participants how to find information on their families for personal enrichment and to share with their families.

The series of six classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, and 15.

The classes will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove Road, Ypsilanti, 48197.

The class will teach how to search huge online databases, including FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com.

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## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The Belleville Animal Hospital on Sumpter Road has announced that Nicole Grube, DVM, and Naomi Quinn, DVM, have joined the practice as associate veterinarians and are accepting new patients. Owner Gerald Graf, DVM, purchased the practice in 1972 and now staffs four veterinarians and supporting office staff to serve the tri-community. A meet-and-greet open house and pet celebration will be held this Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon to meet the new vets. To learn more, call (734) 697-9142 and visit [www.belleville-animal-hospital.com](http://www.belleville-animal-hospital.com).

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The River of Life Assembly of God Church at 870 Savage Road, just east of town, will be holding its 13th-annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public with activities such as a petting zoo, food, candy, pony rides, and a special appearance by Darth Vader and Chewbacca, in authentic costume. Call (734) 699-6700.

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Applications are still being accepted for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Annual Community Art Show, Nov. 4-6 at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) on East Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township. Artist categories include Adult, Teens and Children with cash prizes. Visit [www.bacaartshow.org](http://www.bacaartshow.org) for entry forms, which are also available at the library, chamber, BYC, Garden Fantasy Main Street, Sumpter Ace, VBT Hall, Twisted Rooster, and here at the Professional Building. The art itself doesn't have to be turned in at this time, just the entry forms completed so organizers can label and prepare space in the art show area. Call (734) 357-8000.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church in nearby New Boston is getting ready for its annual Sauerkraut Dinner on Nov. 3, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Tickets are \$10 each and include a full pork and kraut dinner and apple or pumpkin pie. They're located at the corner of Craig and Ellis Streets. Call (734) 753-9048.

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This Sunday is the final Turkey Shoot in Sumpter Township at the police firing range/old landfill on West Willow Road. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Prizes include turkeys, hams, and bacon slabs. The shoots are put on each year by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission to earn funds for events throughout the year for the Sumpter community. For info see their ad in today's paper or call Don Swinson at (734) 674-4980.

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*Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.*

## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Oct. 25 – Van Buren Township budget session, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Also, VBT Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Van Buren Township budget session, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Also, VBT Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Township budget session, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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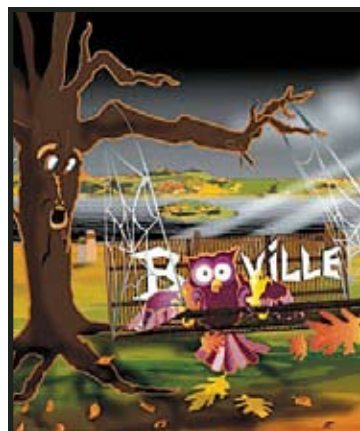
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- Bill LaVoy, State Representative 17<sup>th</sup> District; Incumbent
- Kristy Pagan, State Representative 21<sup>st</sup> District; Incumbent
- Darrin Camilleri for State Representative in the 23<sup>rd</sup> District

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- Cathy Garrett, Wayne County Clerk; Incumbent
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## Motorcycle Club volunteers clean up Otisville Cemetery

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Nozzlemen motorcycle club got permission from Van Buren Township to clean up Otisville Cemetery on Riggs Road as the group's annual public service project.

On the morning of Oct. 8 they set to work and cleared about 15 feet out from the northern fence that had become overgrown with brush.

The following Saturday, on Oct. 15, the Belleville Area Museum planned a cemetery walk and this cleanup made Otisville presentable for the public tour.

Ken Landstrom of VBT is vice president of the Nozzlemen, Chapter 4, which is a group of fire fighters and EMTs from Monroe, Lenawee, and Southern Wayne



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Nozzlemen motorcycle club, Chapter 4, chose as its annual public service project cleaning up Otisville Cemetery in Van Buren Township. On Oct. 8 volunteers were, from left, Dave Box, Anna Sahloff, Treasurer Jason Sahloff, President Fred Smith, Vice President Ken Landstrom, Kyle Hensley, Dwayne Mathis, and David Kahres.



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Landstrom, a VBT fire fighter, showed where the volunteers uncovered the graves of little Laura Ilene Barnes (Oct. 22, 1940-Aug. 17, 1941) next to the graves of her parents – all covered by thick brush.

They also found Clifford West (1896-1959) who served on the USS Missouri during World War I. The VBT "Flag Lady" knew where he was, however, because she had placed an American flag next to his gravestone in the heavy brush.

Landstrom, who cleaned up a large part of the cemetery himself three years ago, suggested the project to the Nozzlemen and they agreed. He said they may do this next year, too, because there's a lot of work to be done.

He said T-N-T Tree Service cut out stumps and took out the piles of branches without charge. The tree service also pointed out one huge tree that would need to be cut down before it fell down.

The Nozzlemen also worked to right old stones that had fallen face down and unearthed other old stones covered by earth.

One newer stone had been knocked over by a mowing machine and left face down, he said.

Otisville Cemetery carries many graves from the Renton and Savage families, early VBT settlers, along with VBT's late historian Kathy Horste. The graves of the couple that donated the property for a cemetery is there, as well: Rosinah Hubbard (1818-1915) and Harry Hubbard (1807-1889).

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## More Letters

### Thank you to Shayla White at McDonald's

To the Editor,  
Last Friday morning I went to the Belleville McDonald's, Store #5053. When I got home I realized I didn't have my wallet. I went back to McDonald's looking for my wallet. I asked the manager if anyone turned in a wallet and he told me that my wallet was found by an employee whose name is Shayla White.  
Everything was still intact when I received my wallet. I would like to say thank you to Shayla White for her kindness and honesty.  
She is living proof that there are still good and

honest people in this world! Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Thomas Clayton

### Thank you to VBT Officer Valinski

To the Editor:  
I'd like to say thank you to Van Buren Township Officer Christopher Valinski for his quick action and patience to help me find my bike that was stolen on Wednesday night, Oct. 12. I want him to know how much I appreciate him for his concern. It may not be much to some, but it meant a lot to me.  
Thank you, Officer Valinski.  
Sincerely and God bless,  
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### Here's non-partisan help with voting decisions

To the Editor:

Voting is your chance to take control over the future of your family and your community. Don't let anything keep you from voting -- help make democracy work!

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County provides a variety of resources for voters in Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township to learn about their candidates before casting their ballot:

- Non-partisan Voters Guides for the candidates running in the Nov. 8 election are now available at the Belleville Public Library.

- The Voter Guide can also be found on the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's website: [www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org](http://www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org).

- The League's Voter Guide can be accessed online at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). This site provides candidate information for all the races on your ballot as well as your polling location and other election information.

- The video of the recent candidate forum for Van Buren Public Schools School Board is available for viewing on [www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org](http://www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org).

The League of Women Voters is a trusted source of non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Nov. 8 election.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Paula Bowman, President  
League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

### St. Jude's Novena answered my prayer

To the Editor,

If you say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised when you receive what you've been asking for.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Van Buren Township Resident

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Oct. 20** – Book discussion by the Other Book Group, 7-9 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., on “The Witches: Salem 1692” by Stacy Schiff.
- **Friday, Oct. 21** – Witches Ball on the Fourth Street Square by Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Egan’s Pub.
- **Friday, Oct. 21** – Night at the BAM (Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St.) – Paranormal Tour, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Pizza at 11 p.m.
- **Friday, Oct. 21** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D. Taylor, invites members of the community to join him for a 10 a.m. coffee hour at Rockwood Family Restaurant, 22825 Huron River Drive in Rockwood. Sen. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22** – Pumpkin Carving craft workshop with Garden Fantasy on Main at the Fourth Street Square, 2-3 p.m. Fee.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan invites her constituents to have a cup of coffee with her at 10 a.m. at Leo’s Coney Island at 9624 Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Tell her your concerns on state matters.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22** – Drop by Belleville Animal Hospital, 437 Sumpter Road, from 10 a.m. to noon to meet their two new veterinarians, Dr. Grube and Dr. Quinn.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22** – Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters’ annual fund raiser, a live auction, begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Residents of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township belong to the Northwest Wayne County League.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22** – Night at the BAM (Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St.) – Paranormal Tour, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 23** – Brats with Jazz and CAF 5 at the Fourth Street Square. All day.
- **Sunday, Oct. 23** – Southern Echo performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

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- **Wednesday, Oct. 26** – The Belleville Area District Library Board invites you to a 7 p.m. public forum at Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road, to get information on the Nov. 8 ballot proposal for a new library.
- **Thursday, Oct. 27** – Ten-year celebration of the African American Literature Book Group at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville. Everyone welcome. Food. Fun. Laughter. And, poetry read by member Melvin T. Peters, PhD, acclaimed

professor and speaker.

- **Friday, Oct. 28** – Trunk or Treat party from 7-9 p.m. at the Moose, corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. Put on by Women of the Moose #1135. Sign up at Sumpter Township Hall.
- **Saturday, Oct. 29** – Volunteers needed to place American flags on the graves of veterans in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Project begins at 8:30 a.m. Get the graves ready for Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Each section of the cemetery takes about an hour of work.
- **Saturday, Oct. 29** – Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department presents its FREE Candy Loop, inviting children to Quirk Park, behind township hall, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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## ORPHAN OF THE WEEK

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## More Letters

### Voters, beware! Ballot carries lots of millages

To the Editor,

Seniors and voters of the Van Buren, Belleville area. Think about all these millages:

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan RTA Tax (\$1.20 per

\$1,000 of taxable value)

Van Buren Public Safety (\$6.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

Belleville Area District Library, new library (\$0.75 per \$1,000 taxable value)

Operating Millage for New Library (\$0.75 per \$1,000 taxable value)

And, the final: Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal (\$2.00 per \$1,000 taxable value)

A total of \$11.20 per \$1,000 taxable value if all millages pass – [if property is valued at \$200,000 and taxed at half that] \$1,120

extra in taxes, almost \$97 added to your house/tax payment every month.

Retired people, seniors can't afford this huge hike. I don't get raises in my retirement checks or Social Security and I'm sure most, if not all seniors don't.

Bad enough health care goes up, not to mention medication. Those of you still working and say that you can afford this, just think of those who can't.

The mass transit plan won't help the Belleville area. There is no plan for a depot area to catch a ride to Ann Arbor, Novi, Wayne or Detroit. We'd probably have to drive to Wayne to catch a ride, pay a fare, and, who knows, even pay for parking. So, I may as well just drive myself.

The library, if built, will probably in a couple years again ask for a millage increase to keep up with the maintenance cost. Voters, remember when we passed a millage for the library a few years ago? Where's this money going?

And, lastly, renters: Your rent will also go up.

Sad to say, but I need my money to pay my medical bills. I'm voting NO.

Please do not print my name.

### VBT Town Hall millage video on line

To the Editor,

It's a pleasure when management, unions, government officials, and our community come together for a common goal: public safety.

An example of this unity was Sept. 29, when all parties came together for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the upcoming Nov. 8 Van Buren Township Public Safety Millage. Our panel of speakers included Township Supervisor Linda Combs, Clerk Leon Wright, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain, Deputy Director of Police Jason Wright, Deputy Director of Fire Dan Besson, Patrol and Dispatchers' Union President

Adam Byrd, and Fire Union President Marc Abdilla.

For those that were unable to make the meeting we had some of our own Van Buren Township residents and graduates from the University of Michigan professionally record the meeting. We now have the meeting uploaded for your viewership at [www.supportvbps.com](http://www.supportvbps.com). Please enjoy the video and remember to vote "YES" Nov. 8 for Van Buren Township Public Safety.

Thank you in advance, community,

Adam Byrd

Van Buren Township Resident, Patrol and Dispatchers' Union President, Public Safety Millage Committee Volunteer

### 'Dumb Feminist' replies to letters

To the Editor,

I am what one of your previous contributors called "a dumb feminist". I believe in the equality of women but more than that the equality of all people. A great man once said, "People should be judged on the contents of their character not the color of their skin." I would add, nor their gender or religion.

It isn't "ignorant stuff," this contributor further suggests, to elect our first black president in Barack Obama nor, hopefully, our first woman president in Hillary Clinton. Barack Obama has been an exemplary president even with this do-less-than-nothing Congress who vowed as soon as he was elected to block him at every turn.

Our president has focused on returning our country to financial stability after former President Bush drove us into the worst recession since the 1930's. President Obama added millions of jobs and stimulated the stock market to record highs.

Hillary Clinton has served our nation well as First Lady, Senator and as Secretary of State. She has been an advocate for children and families all of her adult life.

Donald Trump, on the other hand, has served only Donald Trump. Even his first wife said he had nothing to do with raising their three children and didn't want anything to do with them until they were grown. He has cheated on his taxes, cheated his employees and those people who provided goods and services for him and cheated on all three of his wives. He has sexually assaulted women. He uses his money and power to abuse and take advantage of people.

Donald Trump focuses on hate and fear. "The black and brown people are coming to take your jobs and rob and rape you." "Only I can save you," he says. The contributor tells us, "there will be grocery stores, churches, and maybe your own home blown up" if he isn't elected. There is no place in civilized society for this kind of hysterical and inflammatory language let alone in a political race. Civilized people do not chant at rallies "lock her up"

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## More Letters

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nor do they wear disgusting t-shirts and hats saying the same thing or worse. I say to this self-described, "political junkie" if you really want to know what is going on in the world and especially in our country, **TURN OFF FOX NEWS.** They are notoriously a "fact-free zone" and are less about news and more about sensationalism for ratings. Instead, get out and volunteer at a school or hospital or homeless shelter; go to our local Belleville Library and read the great variety of periodicals, books and newspapers written by the best minds of our time. I guarantee you will get a much more accurate picture of our wonderful country and its people. We, of course, have our challenges. That will always be true. Instead of encouraging our baser instincts of hatred, fear and bigotry, let's encourage the values our country has always stood for: bravery, generosity and love and understanding for one another.

As to another contributor who writes of a judge who hired someone to commit a crime and even though the judge was convicted and served time in jail, he stayed on the ballot and Democrats voted for him. I found no record of this in legal archives. It sounds like an internet meme that is sent from enraged person to enraged person without scrutiny. However, if true, I hardly think this incident is indicative of all Democratic voters.

And again, this writer uses name-calling (watch out for the crook who should be in jail) and guilt by association. You are insulting the intelligence of the readership of this paper. We don't need you to tell us how to vote.

Linda Priest  
Belleville resident

## I love Belleville and want it to be better

To the Editor,

Today I visited Belleville's new retail store called "Belles." If you like art, you will love the store. I think it's fabulous. You will find lovely pictures, statues, sculptures, knits, quilts, furniture, and a resale area. Please, frequent this store so we can keep it in town.

I love Belleville, having lived here 61 years now. I know that the malls changed things, but we really need some more retail stores. Plus, we need a small grocery store in town. Many dislike going all the way to Meijer's for a few things. I remember the handy "Young's Market" that was very handy.

I am told that all of this is on Belleville's website. Apparently, no one looks at our website. I feel if we had some people go out to the kind of stores we want and promote our beautiful city, we might get some results. The activities that go on all year are very nice, but we need some retail

stores. Perhaps, the rules and regulations of our city should be checked. Maybe, they are too stringent.

Now that I'm on a roll, I would like something done about the two buildings across from Dave's Treasure Trove. They are disgusting. I was told the dark green building is in the hands of a bank and they don't know who owns it. Preposterous! Apparently someone wants to buy it. At least the city finally cut some of the growth around it. The other building – a decaying carwash – should be torn down. Having nothing there would be better.

If I lived on South Biggs, I would be very upset having to look at a big garage everyday. They tell me it's legal, so what can we do? Then, on East Huron River Drive there is a house that has multiple cars in the driveway, on the grass, etc. Does this homeowner fix cars? He also sells the stacks of firewood he has on his porch.

Is the city really not going to pick up the leaves or sweep the street? I'm wondering how I'm going to get rid of all my leaves as I have a lot of big trees.

I will end with some good news. I think we have some nice restaurants. Love sitting by the windows at Johnny's on the Lake. When my husband was still here, he said he got the best "Reuben" ever at The Lunchbox. If possible, do more by the lake. Horizon Park is lovely and Taps at the war memorial is very impressive.

I will repeat. I love Belleville. I just want it to be better. I have little intention of leaving. Thank you for reading my comments.

D. Sienko  
Belleville

## Donate to our 'Dress for Success' collection

To the Editor,

The Belleville Area Women's Club is sponsoring a "Dress for Success" collection of clean, slightly-used, ladies' clothes,

dresses, blouses, jackets, skirts, shoes, slacks, purses, jewelry, and whatever else someone may have to contribute.

Dresses build trust. We live in a community of extremely generous people. We all want to help! Please look through your closet and find that clean, slightly-used outfit you no longer wear and donate it to a young lady graduate who is about to start job hunting for just the right position

that will enhance her career.

Please deliver them to the meeting on Nov. 7 or between now and Nov. 20 to Garden Fantasy on Main, 210 Main St., Belleville, or to Sophia Zoller, 16121 Haggerty Road. If you have questions or concerns, contact Sophia Zoller, (734) 697-7379.

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Van Buren Township

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# District Library Board discusses what to do about leaking roof

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

"I think we should talk about the roof," said Library Director Mary Jo Suchy shortly after the start of the Oct. 11 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board.

She said the day they had four inches of rain there were lots of leaks in the library roof and a computer used by the public got wet and took a week to dry out.

"We need more aggressive repairs," Director Suchy said.

Board member John Juriga said a blue tarp over the roof would help.

"I also had a leak in my office," Suchy said, indicating that was the first time that happened. She said someone could double-check windows up on the roof to see if they're caulked. "We might have to re-roof part of the roof, which could cost about \$8,000 to \$10,000."

Board president Sharon Peters said it might cost \$20,000 to do the whole roof.

Board member Mary Jane Dawson said they could put a tarp over the computers at night and pull it off in the morning.

Vice president Joy Cichewicz said a blue tarp over the roof would show the community how much a new library is needed.

"Sounds like there's support for a blue tarp," Peters said.

She said the board shouldn't spend too much money before the Nov. 8 election when voters will decide if they support a new building.

"At our Nov. 15 meeting, we'll discuss this again," Peters said.

In other business at the 21-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard Michael Boelter, head of the personnel committee, tell board members to fill out the director's evaluation by the end of the month. He said he and fellow committee member Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire will go over the evaluations

with Director Suchy and then Suchy gets to keep them;

- Heard Suchy report that the new print release station is online and paper waste has gone down dramatically. There are no more unclaimed printouts at the end of the day, she said;


- Heard Juriga report that the posts on the front portico have been repaired by Blue Ribbon Construction;

- Heard Suchy report that 900 people attended the Harvest Fest and Cichewicz always organizes the crafts, which are very popular. Diana Mayo helped organize the volunteers this year and did a great job;

- Heard Suchy announce the African American Book Club will hold a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at 7 p.m., Thursday,

Oct. 27. Dr. Melvin Peters will do poetry readings. Former Library Director Deb Green coordinated the book club for 10 years; and

- Heard president Peters express appreciation to the community for attending the library forums to talk about the millage proposals. "We've been encouraged by their positive response," she said. She said friends from the city brought a cake over earlier that day to support the library's efforts. Bringing the cake, which was decorated by Mayor Kerreen Conley, were DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson, Councilwoman Kim Tindall, and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. Following the meeting, board members enjoyed the cake.



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Arson	1	0	0
Burglary	90	13	28
Forcible Rape	8	2	3
Larceny and Theft	526	61	54
Motor Vehicle Theft	68	4	7
Murder and Manslaughter	0	0	0
Robbery	8	2	0
Property Crime	684	78	89
Violent Crime	73	16	21
2014 Crime	Van Buren Township Incidents	Belleville Incidents	Sumpter Township Incidents
Population	28,269	3,957	9,332
Aggravated Assault	50	7	9
Arson	1	0	0
Burglary	116	9	32
Forcible Rape	6	1	1
Larceny and Theft	414	53	59
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	1	14
Murder and Manslaughter	2	0	0
Robbery	15	0	0
Property Crime	585	63	105
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Chart compiled by Diane Madigan

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OLD SCHOOL MINI BIKE frame, Stellar, Rupp, etc. Not too pricey. Call after 12 p.m. (734) 377-6169 11/3



**Volunteers needed to place flags on veterans' graves at Hillside**

The Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee has issued a request for volunteers to place American flags on the graves of veterans starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, preparing the graves for Veterans' Day. Each cemetery section takes about an hour of work.



# Sumpter Board puts Michele Roman on 30 days unpaid suspension

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

On a 6-1 vote, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees put employee Michele Roman on a disciplinary unpaid suspension for 30 days effective immediately. Voting no was Clerk Clarence Hoffman.

The special meeting of the board for this decision was held at 6 p.m. Oct. 5.

Roman asked for the hearing on her potential disciplinary action to be held in closed session. The vote was then in open session.

First a motion was made by Trustee Peggy Morgan to terminate Michele Roman effective immediately. That failed for lack of support.

Then, a motion was made by Treasurer Alan Bates, supported by Trustee Don LaPorte, for a 30-day unpaid suspension effective immediately, which passed 6-1.

The suspension is based on Article VIII of the applicable AFSCME collective bargaining agreement, but no further details were available.

Also at the Oct. 5 meeting, the board first went into a one-hour-and-53-minute closed-door session to discuss an attorney-client privileged letter pertaining to the proposed discipline and exempt from disclosure under the Open Meetings Act.

The total meeting lasted two hours and 13 minutes.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2016

Treasurer Budd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan, Trustee Hart and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs and Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Taylor, Engineer Nummer and an audience of three (3).

Miller moved, Jahr seconded to appoint Treasurer Budd as Chairperson for the meeting. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Budd requested the following amendments: Addition of item #7 to the Consent Agenda [Approval of the attorney recommendation regarding case number 16-009339-CC and 16-009115-CC], correction to the Work Study Session Minutes of September 19, 2016 to reflect that Trustee Miller was present and removal of the 2017 FOIA Wage schedule from resolution 2016-15 the 2017 Departmental Fee Schedules.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended [Corrected Work Study Session Minutes of September 19, 2016, Closed Session Minutes of September 19, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2016, Prepaid list of September 23, 2016, Prepaid list of September 29, 2016, Voucher list of October 4, 2016 and Approval of the attorney recommendation regarding case number 16-009339-CC and 16-009115-CC]. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Treasurer Budd read a letter to Public Safety Director Laurain from a resident thanking Officer Mike Long for his assistance with a neighbor dispute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2016-15 the 2017 Departmental Fee Schedules with the removal of the FOIA Wages Schedule. Motion Carried. McClanahan moved, Hart seconded to approve the contract between Lawrence M. Clarke and the Township for construction of the Harbor Club Lift Station in the amount of \$379,400.00 and a 10% contingency for use at the discretion of the Public Services Director. Motion Carried. The Harbor Club lift station is the oldest sanitary lift station in the Township and has experienced an increase in equipment failure. Lawrence M. Clarke was the lowest bidder.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Wade Trim engineering construction administration services fee for the construction of the Harbor Club Lift Station in the amount not to exceed \$35,900.00. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Treasurer Budd announced the Clerk's Office mailed ballots on Friday September 30, 2016 to all voters who submitted an absentee ballot application. Voters who have not received their ballots should contact the Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909; voters who are 60 or over, those who expect they may be out of town on Election Day and those unable to attend the polls without assistance are eligible to vote absentee; Recent court rulings allow voters to vote a straight party ticket in the partisan section of the ballot; Those voting straight party may also select individual candidates; the ballot has two pages-be sure to vote all sides; sample ballots are available on the Township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) and encouraged voters to download a copy of the ballot and review their selections prior to attending the polls on Election Day.

**NON AGENDA:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Publish: October 20, 2016



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

Brian Brown from the Mason Myrtle Lodge presented a ceremonial check for \$1,500 to Police Chief Berriman.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 6, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Belleville Zombie 5K Run/Walk

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-100 for the Belleville New Tech/DDA's request to hold the Zombie 5K Run/Walk on October 15, 2016 at Horizon Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Belleville High School Student Council's Parade Request

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 16-101 for the Belleville High School Student Council to hold a parade on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. on W. Columbia Ave between the two school/administrative entrances.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Belleville Area Rotary Club's Request for "Trunk or Treat"

Phil Miller was present to state that he was withdrawing his application.

D. Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club's Request to Use City Park

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve as presented Resolution No. 16-102: the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club's request to use Horizon Park for a membership picnic on October 9, 2016 from 1 to 4 p.m. (or October 16<sup>th</sup> rain date).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-103 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 for a total of \$136,208.48.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: October 3, 2016

Published: October 20, 2016

## Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

### VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools, will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on October 28, 2016**, for the Approach Paving Project at Savage Elementary School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission at 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111.

A **non-mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at Savage Elementary School, 42975 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **October 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111. Attention: James Williams.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed at the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, [www.cam-online.com](http://www.cam-online.com).

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# City of Belleville Public Notice

Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

## REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Veterans Day 2016  
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery.

The flag placement project will begin on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help place the flags. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work - a small sacrifice for us to honor those who fought to keep us free.

Join us to help honor our veterans as we prepare for Veterans Day 2016, an important year in the history of defending our liberty.



Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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October 27, 2016

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.** at **Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan**, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

**2000 CHEVROLET, TWO DOOR, VIN: 1G1JF12T6Y7282270**

**DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2016 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
6 MAIN STREET**

**PUBLISH: OCTOBER 20, 2016 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**

**BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK**

# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## Sumpter Township Special Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Oddy, Swinson, P. Morgan, LaPorte. Also showing present Attorney Young, Attorney Stacy Belisle, Attorney Anthony Chubb, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman, Maria Beaudrie, Michael Petrowski and Michele Roman.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. New Business:

**A.** Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to go into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to discuss an Attorney-Client Privileges Document exempt from Disclosure to MCL 15.243(1)(g) at 6:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to reconvene into Open Session at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to go into Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. for Potential Disciplinary Action of Township Employee Michele Roman as contemplated by Article VIII of the Applicable AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, LaPorte, Swinson, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to reconvene into Open Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by P. Morgan to Terminate Michele Roman effective immediately. Motion Fails for Lack of Support.

Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte for Michele Roman to have a thirty (30) day unpaid suspension effective immediately. Roll call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Bates, Swinson, P. Morgan, LaPorte, Oddy. Nay: C. Hoffman. Motion carried.

### 5. Open Floor:

**6: Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

### Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Special Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of trustees on October 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Publish: October 20, 2016

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Primary Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734-697-9323.

Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday November 1, 2016 during a Special Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive public comment on:

- The 2016 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2017 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
  1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
  3. LDFA Fund
  4. Landfill Fund
  5. Belleville Area Museum
  6. 9-1-1 Service Fund
  7. Federal Forfeiture Fund
  8. State Forfeiture Fund
- The 2017 Proposed Salary Schedule

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the Amended, Proposed, Special Revenue Funds Budgets and the proposed Salary Schedule are available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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# Sumpter Township Public Notice



TO THE ELECTORS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given, that the General Election will be held in Wayne County Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at which time the following will be voted upon:

**PRESIDENTIAL:** President and Vice President, **CONGRESSIONAL:** District Representative in Congress, **LEGISLATIVE:** District Legislative Representative, **STATE BOARDS:** Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University. **COUNTY:** Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Commissioner. **TOWNSHIP:** Sumpter Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustees. **JUDICIAL:** Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent (Partial Term), District Judge of the Court of Appeals Incumbent Position, District Judge of Circuit Court Incumbent Position, District Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position (Partial Term), **DISTRICT:** Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court Incumbent Position, **LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Board Member, **DISTRICT LIBRARY:** Board Member.

## PROPOSALS:

**County:** Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan to Levy an assessment of 1.2 mills for 20 years beginning 2016.

## LIBRARY PROPOSAL:

**Belleville Area District Library I:** Proposal to borrow the sum of not to exceed fourteen (14) Million Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of the amount 0.75 mill for a maximum of twenty (21) years beginning in 2017,

**Belleville Area District Library II:** District Library Operation Millage Proposal 0.75 mill for twenty (20) years beginning 2017.

**PROPOSAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (Van Buren and Huron School Districts):** Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency 2.0 mills for six (6) years beginning 2016 (RESA District members)

## PROPOSAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

**Van Buren Public Schools Operating Millage Proposition Exempting Principal Residence and other Homestead Property 20 mills for eight (8) years beginning 2017**

## STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County Wayne County, Michigan			
<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increases</u>	<u>Yearly Increases Effective</u>
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
<u>School Districts</u>			
Airport Community Schools	May, 2013	18 mills	2018 (non homest)
Huron School District	November, 2011	18 mills	2017 (non homest)
Lincoln Consolidated School	November, 2012	18 mills	2018 (non homest)
	November, 2012	.1 mill	2018
Van Buren Public School District	August, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non homest)

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expected to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because tenants of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day if he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United states of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the City or Township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1 & 3	Sumpter Community Center 23501 Sumpter Road (Corner of Dunn Road)
Precinct 2	Moose Lodge 45476 Harris Road (Corner of Sumpter Road)
Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1 20550 Sumpter Road
Precinct 5	Bessie Hoffman School 50700 Willow Road

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# Sumpter Township Public Notice



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The Polls of said General Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the November General Election to be held on November 8, 2016 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on October 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road  
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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Posted: October 17, 2016



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville City Council NOTICE OF VACANCY TO BE FILLED ON THE CITY COUNCIL



As of October 18, 2016, a vacancy exists on the Belleville City Council, resulting from the resignation of Council Member Kim Tindall. The City Charter requires the City Council to fill the vacancy within 30 days. The term of office for the vacancy will expire on December 4, 2017.

The City Council intends to fill the vacancy at a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:00pm, after a review of applications submitted by citizens interested in the position. Application forms may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Requirements to serve on City Council are as follows:

- City resident for at least one (1) year
- Currently registered as a voter

Applications must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 20 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Agenda with the following additions:

Item C: Consider approval the transfer of Ordinance Officer Randy Lynch to full time duty in the Water Department.

**14. Closed Session:** Pending litigation Po vs. Sumpter Township.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

**5. Minutes:**

**A.** Motion by Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling 1,816,936.39. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, LaPorte, Swinson, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:**  
**A.** Sumpter Country Festival totals for this year \$11,551.11.

**B.** Don Rochon Car Show and Demolition Derby total 1,475.48 (not including bottle return)

**C.** Turkey Shoot begins at Noon the first four Sundays of October, registration at 11:30 am.

**D.** Booville starts in October.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:**

**A.** Planning Commission Meeting no quorum on September 8, 2016-Medical Marijuana Language for Zoning, Portable Storage Containers was on the Agenda.

**B.** ZBA Meeting October 6, 2016.

Motion by Swinson, supported by C. Hoffman to Approve Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Attorney's Report-Young:**

**A.** Dog Ordinance

**B.** Governor signed New Medical Marijuana Bill Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Board Response**

**11. New Business:**

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to pay Van Buren Township \$12,772.00 for Matching Funds FEMA Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to

approve adopting Township Dog Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the transfer of Ordinance Officer Randy Lynch to full time duty Water Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Announcements:**

**A.** Turkey Shoot begins at 12:00 p.m., Registration is 11:30 a.m. First four Sundays in October.

**13. Open Floor:**

**A. Mary Ban:**

**1.** Channel 4 News Truck at Community Center

**2.** Huron Township need of an additional Fire Station

**3.** Library Millage exact total

**4.** Article in Independent stating that Sumpter Township is almost bankrupt, is totally untrue.

**5.** Thanks to the Township Board for approving the Dog Ordinance.

**B. Virginia Belinski**

**1.** National Voter Registration Day

**2.** Thanks to Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates for being at the Town Hall mostly full time.

**3.** Feels the Township Board is a great Board and she loves living in Sumpter Township.

**14. Closed Session: Pending litigation Po vs. Sumpter Township**

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to go into closed session at 7:02 pm. Roll call vote: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, Swinson, P. Morgan, LaPorte. Nay: none. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to bring closed session to an end and bring open session back in order at 7:54 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to direct Attorney Young to carry out direction given by the Board in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Adjournment:** Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

**Certification**

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Sumpter Township

Publish: October 20, 2016



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 605 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

**Sunday, Oct. 9:**  
0135 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.  
0241 – disorderly conduct, Belleville  
0316 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.  
0816 – breaking & entering, Patriot Ln.  
1046 – assault & battery, rest area I-94 W.  
1356 – shots fired, Bog Rd.  
1608 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
/ Beck Rd.  
1641 – neighbor trouble, Lake Villa Dr.  
1740 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.  
1747 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1956 – harassment call, Outer Dr./Old Michigan  
2011 – disorderly conduct, Johnny’s Hot Spot  
2012 – assault & battery, Park Estates  
2052 – shots fired, Beckley Rd.  
2322 – larceny, Hardwood Dr.  
**Monday, Oct. 10:**  
0101 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Marlowe  
0159 – vehicle repossessed, Lake Villa Dr.  
0723 – malicious destruction of property, Fay Dr.  
0935 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville  
1322 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler  
1519 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.  
1541 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Huron River Dr.  
1553 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1728 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1737 – shots fired, Rayna Ct.  
1819 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1838 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1913 – juvenile complaint, Briarwood Dr.  
2002 – property damage accident, EB I-94 rest area  
2035 – juvenile complaint, Maurice Dr.  
2107 – suicide or attempt, Van Born Rd.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 11:**  
0237 – disturbance, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0415 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0844 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
0959 – harassment call, Dorchester Dr.  
1043 – harassment call, Bog Rd.  
1120 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service  
1327 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1547 – property damage accident, Crowley  
1548 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.  
1608 – family trouble, Westlake  
1717 – agency assist, Hayward’s  
**Wednesday, Oct. 12:**  
0118 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
0133 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.  
0228 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.  
0638 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
0910 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.  
0956 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1036 – private property incident, Industrial  
1052 – larceny from auto, Belleville  
1109 – private property incident, Industrial  
1429 – lost property, Belleville Lake  
1534 – property damage accident, Van Born / Sheldon  
1557 – found property, I-94 rest area  
1600 – found property, Tyler Rd.  
1601 – neighbor trouble, Maurice Dr.  
1755 – fraud, Tyler Rd.  
1949 – larceny, Daniel Dr.  
2145 – intimidation threat, W. Archwood Dr.  
2150 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
2159 – noise complaint, Arthur St.  
2229 – suicide or attempt, Ryznar Dr.  
2232 – disorderly conduct, E. Archwood Dr.  
**Thursday, Oct. 13:**  
0324 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.  
0949 – agency assist, Brain/High

1042 – agency assist, Dellor St.  
1134 – larceny, Van Buren St.  
1347 – agency assist, Parkwood  
1552 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan  
1854 – disorderly conduct, DNR boat launch  
1922 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.  
2305 – narcotics crime, Hardwood Dr. / Cottonwood Dr.  
**Friday, Oct. 14:**  
0001 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0208 – noise complaint, Millington Ct./Ironwood Dr.  
0236 – disorderly conduct, Quirk Rd.  
0815 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.  
0953 – breaking & entering, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0956 – hospice, Maple Dr.  
1303 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse  
1555 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1617 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
1632 – agency assist, W. Columbia  
1934 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Spencer  
**Saturday, Oct. 15:**  
0004 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0113 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0151 – vehicle repossessed, Colony Ln.  
0518 – trespassing, Jackson St.  
0919 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1059 – disorderly conduct, S. Woodbury Dr.  
1214 – assist fire dept., Beck Fields  
1404 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.  
1413 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1520 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1525 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1630 – disturbance, Vernon  
1740 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.  
1914 – disorderly conduct, Martz Rd.  
1924 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1937 – vagrant, Belleville Rd.  
1957 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Beckley Rd.  
1958 – fireworks, Lohr Rd.  
2042 – fight, Martz Rd.  
2203 – noise complaint, Wildbrook Dr.  
2218 – noise complaint, Hull Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 277 traffic stops, 68 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Oct. 9:**  
0944 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.  
1057 – vehicle lockout, Henry St.  
1839 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.  
**Monday, Oct. 10:**  
0250 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza  
0832 – malicious destruction of property, Capistrano Ct.  
1624 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
2050 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2123 – suicide or attempt, Loza Ln.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 11:**  
0057 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0108 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1032 – assist fire dept., Estrada  
1239 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.  
1610 – fight, Main St.  
1635 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1705 – larceny, Hayward’s  
2016 – assist fire dept., Church St.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 12:**  
0055 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0326 – suspicious person, Owen Intermediate  
1255 – prisoner transport, Main St.  
1644 – suspicious situation, South St.  
1709 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
2015 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.  
**Thursday, Oct. 13:**  
0117 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0948 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.  
1212 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1406 – assist fire dept., Owen St.  
1446 – animal complaint, Second St.  
1527 – court duty, S. Wayne Rd.  
1757 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

1812 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
1908 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.  
**Friday, Oct. 14:**  
0816 – assist citizen, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
0905 – information, Main St./Fourth St.  
0906 – malicious destruction of property, W. Davis  
1007 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
1016 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1215 – agency assist, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.  
1231 – suspicious situation, Hillside  
1552 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1626 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
1812 – welfare check, Henry St.  
2050 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2054 – suspicious situation, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
2109 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2259 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail  
**Saturday, Oct. 15:**  
0042 – assist fire dept., Estrada  
0455 – assist fire dept., Church St.  
0737 – larceny, Liberty  
0854 – shots fired, Carmell St.  
1034 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main St.  
1425 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd.  
1514 – assault & battery, Belleville High School  
1622 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.  
Also on this week’s log are 27 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Oct. 9:**  
0047 – property damage accident, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.  
0048 – suspicious person, Harris/Martinsville  
0107 – breaking & entering, 17000 bl. Martinsville  
0134 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0907 – dumping complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1412 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Ln.  
1503 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1527 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1739 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
**Monday, Oct. 10:**  
0934 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1212 – animal complaint, Karr/Arkona  
1525 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
1628 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville  
1846 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
2008 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2200 – citizen assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2334 – larceny, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 11:**  
0509 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0830 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.  
0936 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1601 – well-being check, Wear/Sumpter  
1641 – reckless driver, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1659 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1807 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1851 – reckless driver, Judd/Fenster  
1950 – odor investigation, 17000 bl. Martha  
**Wednesday, Oct. 12:**  
0031 – death investigation, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0532 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1026 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1053 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd  
1117 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1547 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis  
1602 – down wires, Willow/Sumpter  
1614 – reckless driver, Willow/Sumpter  
1828 – down wires, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1840 – suspicious incident, Tulip  
1919 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2000 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Thursday, Oct. 13:**  
0302 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.  
0833 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.  
0942 – trespassing complaint, 47000 bl. Willow  
1056 – suspicious incident, Nevada  
1145 – citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville  
1231 – traffic hazard, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1235 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1246 – mental health commitment, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1342 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1741 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1837 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2238 – assist other agency, Clark/Judd

**Friday, Oct. 14:**  
0810 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Creekside  
0915 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.  
1103 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1304 – fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1314 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1330 – abandoned vehicle, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1454 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1502 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1539 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1818 – animal complaint, Arkona/Sumpter  
1856 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1902 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1934 – well-being check, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1939 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
**Saturday, Oct. 15:**  
0153 – alarm, Rustic Ln.  
0233 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1105 – larceny, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1311 – missing person, Greenmeadow  
1702 – noise complaint, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1739 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.  
1828 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane  
1956 – felonious assault, Rustic Ln.  
2236 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.  
Also on this week’s log are 19 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 132 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

# Keystone, community support 7-year-old cancer amputee

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*  
At the Oct. 11 meeting of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors, Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey told a story about about a Keystone second grader named Makaela whose cancer came back after two years of treatment and the parents were given a choice of more chemotherapy, that had an uncertain result, or amputation of her leg.  
Amputation of her left leg was the day of the board meeting.  
Godfrey said the second graders got together to order her an American Girl doll with a prosthetic leg. Channel 4 came out to cover the story a week earlier.  
“The community really rallied behind her,” Godfrey said.  
Students at Keystone wore gold or yellow shirts with jeans on the day of the surgery to support Makaela. She reportedly came through the surgery well and will be entering physical therapy.  
There is a GoFundMe account for The Mighty Makaela and also a raffle is under way for a seven-night stay at the Gulfview Manor Resort in Fort Myers Beach, FL. The package was donated by Jaiden Dixon and Timothy Frost. All proceeds go to Makaela’s family. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$12 and are available at Keystone, Egan’s Pub, Garden Fantasy, or by calling (734) 476-7682.

# BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Freshman Volleyball, 5:30 p.m.; JV Volleyball, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity Girls Swim & Dive, 6 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 21 – Varsity Football, 7 p.m.



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## Sen. Hopgood offers free movie to veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11

Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D.-Taylor, invites members of the community to his second-annual free Veterans Day movie event on Friday, Nov. 11, at noon, in acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifice and service of America's military veterans.

In cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 and John Glenn High School JROTC, "Inferno" (PG-13) — which is based on the bestselling novel in author

Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code series — will be shown at the MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 located at 6800 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Tickets are limited to two per veteran and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP is required.

Sen. Hopgood represents Michigan's 6th Senate District, which includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.

For more information, contact Sen. Hopgood's office by calling (517) 373-7800, by emailing [SenHHopgood@senate.mi.gov](mailto:SenHHopgood@senate.mi.gov) or visiting his Facebook page at [facebook.com/SenHopgood](https://www.facebook.com/SenHopgood).

## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

### Belleville Area District Library Proposed New Library Public Forums Wednesday at 7 pm

**October 26, 2016:** Wayne County Community College District, Western Campus

Learn about the library's plans to build a new library in downtown Belleville and to open a satellite media center in Sumpter Township. More information can be found at: [www.belleville.lib.mi.us/building-program](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/building-program).

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City of Belleville	18.1260 Municipal Mills
Ypsilanti Township	14.9681 Municipal Mills
City of Romulus	13.5579 Municipal Mills
Canton Township	10.9000 Municipal Mills
Van Buren Township	7.4144 Municipal Mills (Proposed)
Van Buren Town <b>EXPIRED</b>	4.9144 Municipal Mills (Current)
Sumpter Township	4.7904 Municipal Mills

\*Millage rates given reflect ONLY municipal rate  
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Data Sources:

-2015 Apportionment Report, Charter County of Wayne  
-Washtenaw County 2015 Apportionment Report

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VACANT KARR ROAD 5 ACRES \$35,000  
26455 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308 \$35,000

25817 SUMPTER RD. 97 ACRES \$20,000  
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000  
45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT \$25,000  
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000  
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500  
ELWELL ACROSS FRM 29300 10AS \$59,500

42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 TO \$40,000  
49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES \$180,000  
VACANT SUMPTER 7.46 ACRES \$30,000  
VINING AND SIBLEY 21+ ACRES \$450,000  
WILLOW ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$25,000  
BOHN NEAR DUNN 5 ACRES \$29,000

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